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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT PARK

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PARK MET WITH TWO VISITING CONGRESSMAN (ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR), CONGRESSMAN WILSON APRIL 17 AND SENATOR MORGAN APRIL 19. BOTH MEETINGS WERE INTERESTING AS REFLECTION OF CURRENT MOOD OF PRESIDENT PARK, RATHER THAN PROVIDING SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION. PRESIDENT PARK WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF AND VISIBLY EMBITTERED BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND TO LESSER EXTENT SENATOR KENNEDY. BOTH CONGRESSMEN URGED PARK NOT TO OVERESTIMATE INFLUENCE OF FRASER AND KENNEDY AND GENERALLY EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PARK. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN WILSON, PARK STATED HIS RESENTMENT OF PERSONAL ATTACKS AGAINST HIM IN US PRESS (READ WASHINGTON POST) AND CONGRESS. HE SAID THAT HE FELT A SENSE OF "UNPLEASANTNESS" WITH RESPECT TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STATEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE URGING WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM KOREA. HE CHARACTERIZED THESE STATEMENTS AS IRRESPONSIBLE AND AGAINST US AND JAPANESE INTERESTS. HE FELT FRASER WOULD NOT MIND IF ALL OF KOREA WERE COMMUNIZED, LEADING TO A GREATER HOLOCAUST THAN IN CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM  
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WHERE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WERE KILLED AFTER THE COMMUNIST

TAKEOVER.

2. CONGRESSMAN WILSON URGED PRESIDENT PARK NOT TO REACT TOO STRONGLY TO FRASER, WHO WHILE DOING WHAT HE THINKS IS RIGHT IS NOT AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF CONGRESS. HE SAID SUPPORTERS OF KOREA WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THESE ATTACKS.

3. WITH SENATOR MORGAN, PRESIDENT PARK REPEATED ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR THEME, BUT FOCUSED CRITICISM MORE ON SENATOR KENNEDY, SPEAKING OF HIS GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BROTHERS. HE ALSO THOUGHT SENATOR KENNEDY OUGHT TO VISIT KOREA AND AGREED WITH SENATOR MORGAN ON DESIRABILITY OF MORE CONGRESSIONAL EXCHANGES AFTER 1976 US ELECTIONS. DURING TALK WITH MORGAN, PARK DWELLED MORE EXTENSIVELY ON NORTH KOREAN THREAT, ON UN CHANGING NATURE OF COMMUNISM, AND BLOODBATH THAT WOULD FOLLOW IF COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER SOUTH KOREA.

4. SENATOR MORGAN ALSO URGED PARK NOT TO OVERESTIMATE INFLUENCE OF FRASER AND KENNEDY AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PARK.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER CHOI KHU-HA, MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND WAS COVERED. WILSON ALSO RAISED WITH PRIME MINISTER ADVERSE PUBLICITY ACCRUING TO ROK AS RESULT REVEREND MOON'S ACTIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: PRESIDENT PARK WAS VISIBLY MORE EMOTIONAL AND EMBITTERED WITH RESPECT TO HIS AMERICAN CRITICS THAN I HAD NOTED IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS. MEETINGS WITH THE TWO CONGRESSMEN UNDOUBTEDLY CONFIRMED PRIOR ROKG DECISION TO SHUT OFF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRASER. BUT, THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY MOVE TO MODERATION BY PRESIDENT PARK IN DEALING WITH HIS DOMESTIC CRITICS, NOR DID VISITORS URGE HIM TO DO SO, DESPITE SUGGESTIONS TO THIS EFFECT.  
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